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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 25 May 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

3 p.m. 100th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/485/Add.3) [113]

Committees

RESUMED FIFTH COMMITTEE
(Second part)

10 a.m. 61st meeting Conference Room 3

1. Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola [123] (A/53/908, A/53/937 and A/53/957)

2. Financing of the United Nations Preventive Force [140] (A/53/786, A/53/437/Add.1, A/53/812/Add.1 and A/53/958)

3. Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic [161] (A/53/791, A/53/93 and A/53/971)

Introduction and general discussion

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4. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [143]

(a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Death and disability benefits (A/C.5/53/58)

Introduction and general discussion

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 123 (Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola (A/53/908, A/53/937 and A/53/957)), 140 (Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force (A/53/786, A/53/437/Add.1, A/53/812/Add.1 and A/53/958)) and 161 (Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic (A/53/791, A/53/939 and A/53/971))

Afternoon**- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 143 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations : (a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Support Account (A/53/418, A/53/854 et Add.1, A/53/901 and A/C.5/53/60))

6.30 p.m.- 9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 143 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations : (a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Reimbursement of contingent-owned equipment (A/51/967 and Corr.1-2, A/C.5/52/39, A/53/465 and A/53/944 and Corr.1))

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* Following the adjournment of the 61st meeting of the Fifth Committee.

** Following the adjournment of the 100th plenary meeting of the General Assembly.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 26 May 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

RESUMED FIFTH COMMITTEE
(Second part)

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.- 9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 24 May 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

99th plenary meeting

Statement on the occasion of the Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of the Non-Self Governing Territories

The Acting President made a statement.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/53/835/Add.5 and Add.6) [118]

The General Assembly took note that Cape Verde and Ecuador have made the necessary payments to reduce their arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter.

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-third regular session of the General Assembly and organization of work: request for the reopening of the consideration of agenda item 47 (Election of the judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994): note by the Secretary-General (A/53/963) [8]

The General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General, decided to reopen consideration of agenda item 47 entitled "Election of the judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994". The Assembly further agreed to give it immediate consideration.

Election of the judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [47]

(a) Letter from the Secretary-General (A/53/960);

(b) Letter from the President of the Security-Council (A/53/964)

The General Assembly decided to endorse the recommendation of the Secretary-General, endorsed by the Security Council in its resolution 1241 (1999) of 19 May 1999, that Judge Lennart Aspegren, once replaced as a member of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, would finish the *Rutaganda* and *Musema* cases which he had already begun before expiry of his term of office. The Assembly also took note of the intention of the Tribunal to finish these cases if possible before 31 January 2000.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 47.

Committees

RESUMED FIFTH COMMITTEE
(Second part) 60th meeting

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Question of East Timor

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the report of that Committee (A/53/7/Add.13).

The report of the Secretary-General was contained in document (A/C.5/53/61).

Statements were made by the representatives of Germany (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Iceland and Liechtenstein), the Philippines (on behalf of the Group of ASEAN States), Norway, the United States, Indonesia, Australia, Cuba, China, New Zealand and Portugal.

After a proposal by the Chairman and a statement by the representative of Cuba, the Committee decided, without a vote, to authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitment up to $35 million dollars, from all sources of funds, for the initial requirements of the United Nations activities related to East Timor, pending further action by the Security Council and the submission of a revised budget by the Secretary-General and that the General Assembly reaffirmed its resolution 45/248 of 21 December 1990, in which the Assembly reaffirms that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters and expresses concern at the tendency of its substantive Committees and other intergovernmental bodies to involve themselves in administrative and budgetary matters.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Other matters

The representative of Uganda made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

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